

## SKELETON SPRAGUE

Eminent Medical Men Examine the Remains.

## Progressive Muscular Atrophy Causes His Bony Existence.

The Terrible Fate in Store for Boys  
Who Go in Swimming.

ROCKLAND, January 14.—For the last thirty years there has lived in this town Isaac W. Sprague, who has been considered a wonder, and has been exhibited in all parts of this country. The subject of whose wonderful appearance has been so much discussed by scientific and medical men was born in East Bridgewater, and was the youngest of seven children. At the age of 11 he developed a fondness for bathing in a pond near his residence, and would go swimming at every opportunity. He was one day taken with cramps while in the water. He was taken home, and when

for a number of years, as the only living skeleton. Ever since he began to work at the country he has been of great interest to medical men, and in 1869 made his appearance before a lyceum of Boston physicians, among whom were Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Dr. H. E. Bigelow, a Dr. Coolidge, Miller and Stackpole.

Of late years he has been exhibited in museums throughout the country, a

Anatomic Museum and assistant professor of pathology of Harvard Medical School, assisted by Medical Examiners Dr. J. Gleason of Rockland and Dr. C. C. Tower of South Weymouth, and Drs. Charles Miller, R. A. Forrest, R. W. Southgate of Rockland, Henry W. Dudley, H. Greeley of Abington, and Asa Millet of East Bridgewater. The result of the autopsy show that the primary cause of death was pneumonia. The chest, arms and limbs were emaciated to the last degree, literally skin and bone, with a thin cartilage to hold the bones together. Upon taking off the breast bone the lungs and all the internal organs were found to be about the

examination.

AT AUCTION.

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How the Late Mr. Tilden's Live Stock  
Will be Disposed Of.  
NEW YORK, January 14.—The executor  
of the estate of the late Samuel J. Tild  
has entered a sale of his property.

change in this city on Thursday. Among the Jersey cattle in the catalogue, which Mr. Tilden took an especial interest, are the Belle of Jersey IV., Belle of Greystone, Bellini of Greystone, Roberta, Beauty, Buttercup, Leona, Dido, Gem, Patty, Mar Celeste, Rioter of Greystone, Queen of the North, and Patience's Rioter. The Guernsey milk, Ammaquin, is included in the stock by Mr. Tilden. There are also a number of Shropshire ewes and ewe lambs.

Mr. Tilden's smooth-coated St. Bernard bitch, Bernie, the winner of half a dozen prizes, will also go under the hammer.

The entire includes Toulouse geese

accredited to several of the minor courts and at one of them, says Labouchere, was even more appreciated than my title. This was why. Occasionally there was

ball at the court, which we were expected to attend. At my first ball supper I found myself at table next to a grandee, gorgeously dressed in stars and ribbons. The servant came and poured out champagne. Now, I detest the

up the fight to attend to the injured men. The cars were loaded with merchandise and when nearing Sheridan tunnel the engineer noticed that his train was dragging. Upon investigation it was found that the brakes had been set on three cars. The train was stopped and the robbers surmised what was up, jumped from the cars.

It is thought the robbers secreted themselves in the cars before the train left the city and, as the train approached the station, they were forced to open the doors. They then threw out a number of guns and

quantity of ammunition. It is thought the men got away with some of the arms.

Several theories have been advanced a

to why the cars loaded with arms were selected. It is thought by some that the gang may have been Anarchists, and that they were trying to secure rifles and ammunition for further use. They seemed to have known before hand what the contents of the cars were, as both of the cars broken open contained arms.

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**Yes; Indeed.**  
[Norristown Herald.]

A man in New York City is called eccentric because he "ventures out only after

dark." If he is the man who wrote "Sweet Violets" he shows a very reckless disposition to venture out at all.

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wood, those that are June-budded. They do as well as the spring-budded trees perhaps not less in the nursery and

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mp, Crawford's Late, Smock and Sal-

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**SURGERY WITH WHITE-HOT WIRE**  
 A Cancerous Growth Removed From  
 the Base of Mr. Shipley's Tongue.  
 NEW YORK, January 11.—Knewak physical  
 cures are watching with keen interest the  
 recovery of Alfred J. Shipley of 31 James  
 street. He submitted to the application of  
 galvanocautery late in November for  
 the removal of a cancer which in-  
 volved nearly one-half of the right side of  
 his tongue, and is now convalescent.  
 The operation was a remarkable one, and  
 was performed by Dr. Baldwin. It was re-  
 moved successfully by galvanocautery.  
 November 23 Mr. Shipley was placed under  
 the influence of chloroform at his house,  
 and in the presence of nine physicians the

operation was performed. A needle was used to pierce the skin through the tongue, and that passed through the middle of the mouth as far as possible. Then the base of the cancer was seized by the forceps, and the wire, which was held in place by pressure, thrust through the cancerous growth. The wire was then connected with a powerful battery was sent through the platinum wire, leading to an incandescent arc lamp, and the cancer was burned off with white light. Then the wire cut rapidly forward, and the glowing cancerous growth, leaving a bloodless groove, was removed. The cancer when removed was as thick and long as the thumb. Two days afterward Mr. Shipley was sitting in his chair and taking food with comfort.

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